

CLAIMS

1. A computerized CSD-system comprising a register of instruments which can be traded within the system, in which register the instruments are given attributes which
5 define the instruments, and in which register the instruments are configured in a hierarchic multi-level structure wherein a first instrument on a first level in the hierarchy is linked to instruments on a second, lower level in the hierarchy, and said link between said instruments on the first and second levels of the hierarchy is defined by all of the attributes which are comprised in the instruments on said second
10 level also being comprised in the instrument on the first level to which the instruments on the second level is linked.
2. The system of claim 1, in which each instrument is only allowed to be linked to one instrument on a level above it.
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3. The system of claim 1, wherein an amendment to an attribute in an instrument will cause the same amendment in the same attribute of those instruments which are linked to the amended instruments and which are on lower levels in the hierarchy than the amended instrument.
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4. The system of claim 1, in which the instruments on at least said first level of the hierarchy are templates for a financial instrument.
5. The system of claims 1, in which the instruments from, at the earliest, said second
25 level and downwards in the hierarchy are financial instruments, which can be traded with within the CSD-system.
6. The system of claim 4, in which templates in the hierarchy are only allowed one link to a level above their own, but more than one link to levels below their own.
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7. A method for adding a financial instrument to the CSD-system of claim 1, said method comprising the steps of:

- finding an existing instrument in the CSD-system which has at least all of the attributes of the instrument which is to be added
- placing the instrument which is to be added on a level in the hierarchy of the system which is below said existing instrument,
- 5 • creating a link between the instrument to be added and the existing instrument.

8. A method for organizing financial instruments in a CSD-system, in which system the instruments can be traded with, according to which method attributes are assigned to the instruments, said attributes defining the instruments, and according to
10 which method the instruments are organized in a hierarchic multi-level structure as follows:

- a link is created between a first instrument on a first level in the hierarchy and instruments on a second, lower level in the hierarchy,
- said link between said instruments on the first and second levels of the hierarchy
15 is defined by all of the attributes which are comprised in the instruments on said second level also being comprised in the instrument on the first level to which the instruments on the second level is linked.

9. The method of claim 8, according to which each instrument is only linked to one
20 instrument on a level above it.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein any amendment to an attribute in an instrument will cause the same amendment in the same attribute of those instruments which are linked to the amended instruments and which are on lower levels in the hierarchy
25 than the amended instrument.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the instruments placed on at least said first level of the hierarchy are templates for a financial instrument.

12. The method of claims 8, wherein the instruments used from, at the earliest, said second level and downwards in the hierarchy are financial instruments which can be traded with within the CSD-system.
- 5 13. The method of claim 11, wherein templates in the hierarchy are only given one link to a level above their own, but can have more than one link to levels below their own.
- 10 14. The method of claim 8, wherein a financial instrument is added to the CSD-system using the steps of:
- finding an existing instrument in the CSD-system which has at least all of the attributes of the instrument which is to be added
 - placing the instrument which is to be added on a level in the hierarchy of the system which is below said existing instrument,
 - 15 • creating a link between the instrument to be added and the existing instrument.